

I-69 at Union Chapel Road New Interchange

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

5:00 pm Open House

6:00 pm Public Hearing

Maple Creek Middle School in Fort Wayne



Welcome

- Public Hearing Format
- Public Comment Session
- Informal Q & A in project display area with project engineers and INDOT project officials



How to Submit a Public Comment

- Verbally to audio recorder
- Comment sheet in information packet
- Mail comments to INDOT
- E-mail
- Formal public statement
- Comment deadline – **Friday, March 11, 2011**
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated and given full consideration during decision making process
- Information Packet



Legal Notice of Public Hearing

- Legal Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* on 2/3/11 and 2/10/11
- *Fort Wayne News Sentinel*: 2/4/11 and 2/11/11
- A copy of the legal notice was mailed to known property owners within project area
- Announcement of public hearing posted to INDOT website; INDOT media release



I-69 at Union Chapel Road

- Conducted as a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
 - Impacts are described in environmental document
 - Environmental document was released for public involvement by INDOT on 1/27/11



I-69 at Union Chapel Road

- Establish the purpose of need for the proposed improvement
- Develop a number of possible alternatives including a “Do Nothing” alternative as a baseline for comparison
- Screen alternatives to identify a preferred alternative
- Solicit public comment on environmental document and preliminary design plan
- Solicit, address, and fully consider public comments as part of decision making process



Environmental Document

- Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN (260) 421-1200
- Indiana Department of Transportation Fort Wayne District Office, 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN (260) 484-9541
- INDOT website: <http://www.indot.in.gov> “Public Involvement / Media” page.



Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highways Administration
- Allen County
- City of Fort Wayne
- Elected Public Officials
- Community
 - Concerned residents and citizens
 - Commuters



INDOT Project Team

- Introduction of INDOT officials attending the public hearing
- Recognition of Elected Public Officials



I-69 at Union Chapel Road

- Purpose and Need
- Identification of alternatives
- Analysis of alternatives
- Identification of preferred alternative
- Environmental impacts
- Cost and Schedule
- Construction



Purpose and Need

- Improve access to I-69 for northern Allen County
- SR 1 / Dupont Road interchange over capacity
- Improve access to hospital for regional traffic
- Commercial/residential growth increased traffic volumes



Alternatives

1. The Do-Nothing Alternative
2. Transportation System Management (TSM)
3. Design Improvements at the SR 1/Dupont Road Interchange only
4. Modified Folded Diamond/Tight Diamond Interchange



Folded Diamond Alternative

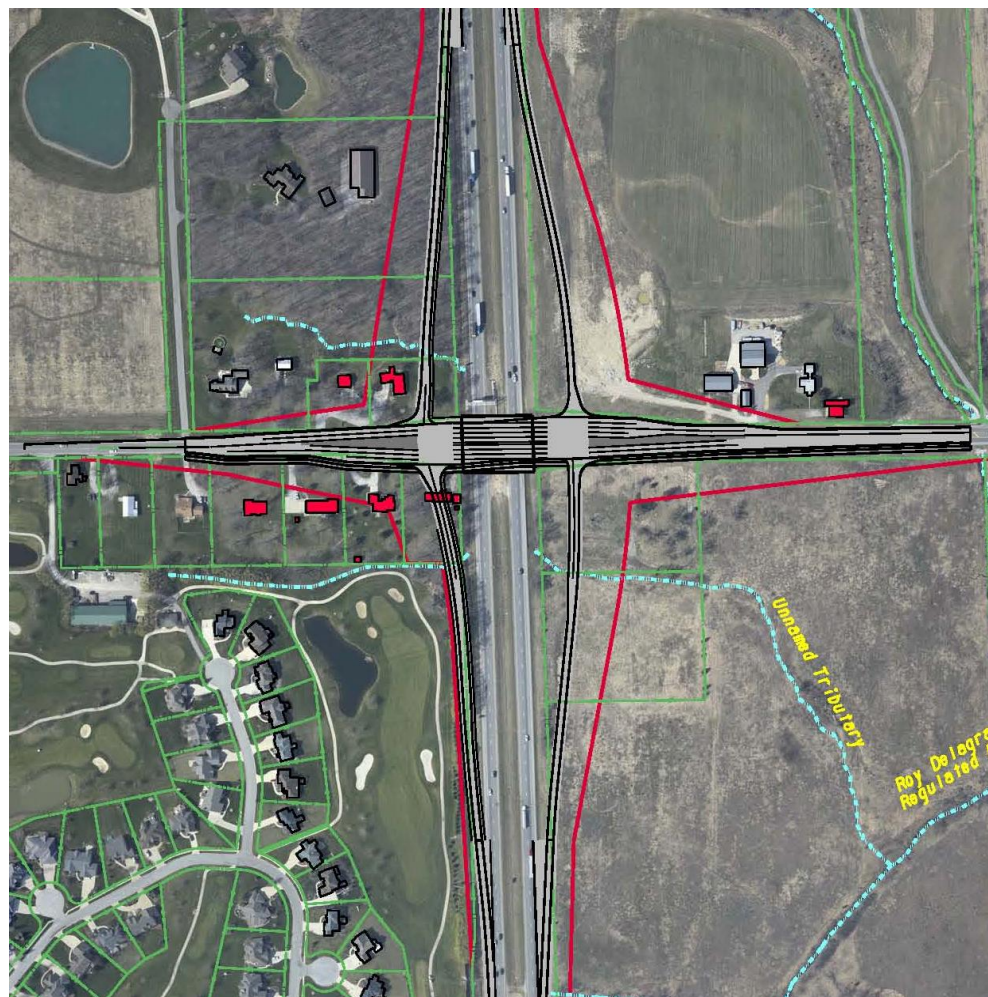


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Tight Diamond Alternative

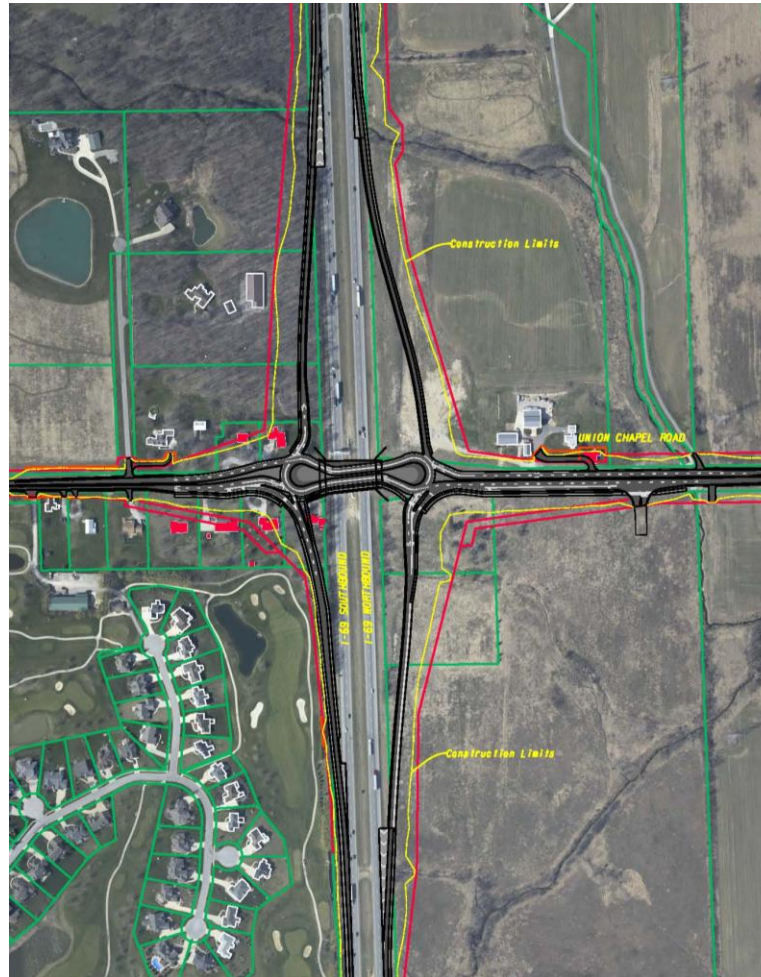


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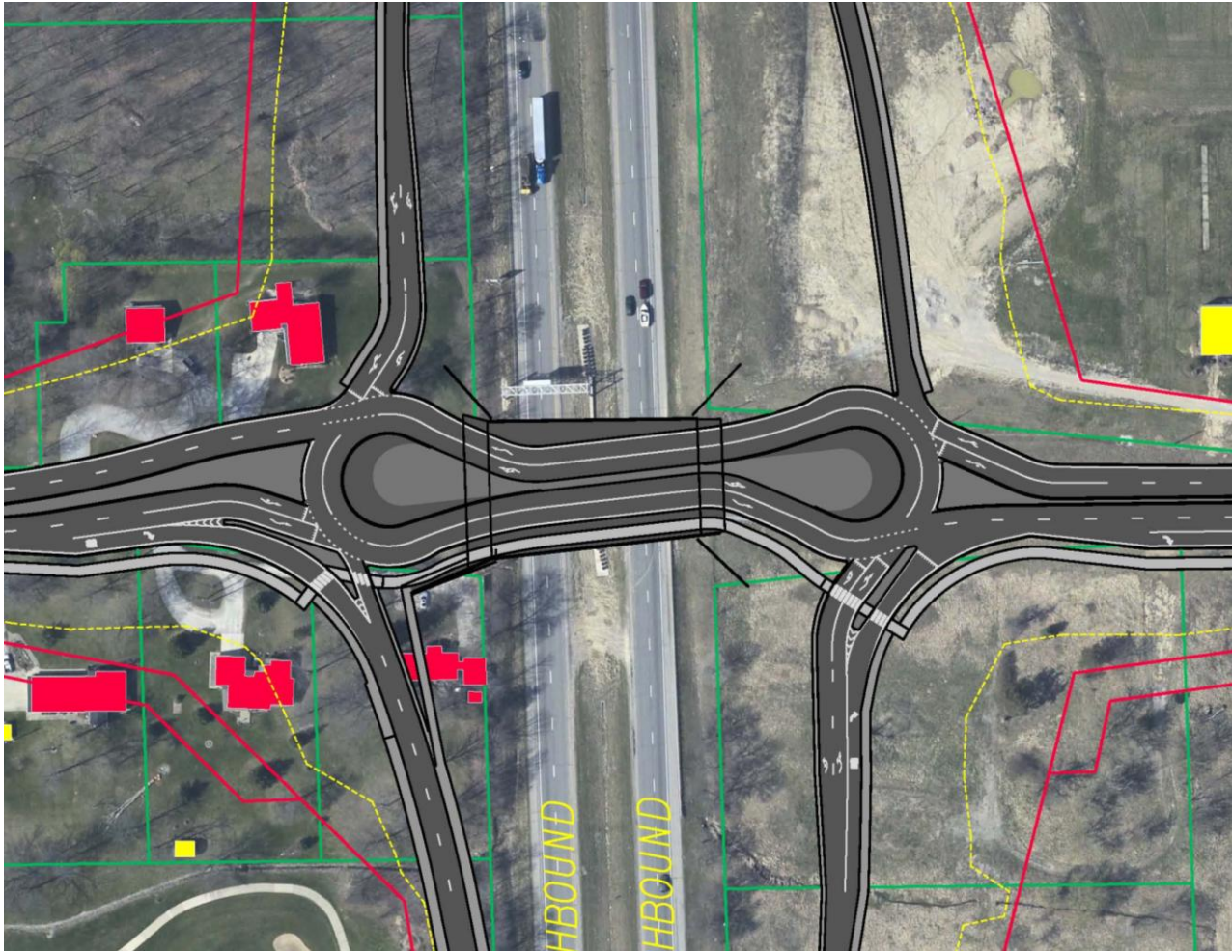
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6. Roundabout Interchange



Roundabout Interchange



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Design Elements



Elements of the Environmental Documentation

Relocations

Air Quality

Noise

Farmland

Hazardous Materials

Historic/Archaeological

Community Impacts

Wetlands and Waterways

Floodplains

Threatened and Endangered

Species



Noise Policy

- Evaluation Noise Environment
- Criteria
 - Feasible
 - Reasonable
 - Cost Effectiveness
 - Public Involvement



Estimated Cost and Schedule

- Engineering: \$1.5M
- Right-of-Way: \$1.6M
- Construction: \$13.1M (2012)
- Complete Environmental and Design Phases: 2011
- Construction scheduled to begin: Fall 2011
- Two year construction season anticipated



Maintenance of Traffic

- I-69:
 - 2 - 12-foot lanes in each direction during construction
 - Shoulder width restricted
- Union Chapel Road:
 - Closed to through traffic
 - Detour on Auburn, Dupont & Diebold roads



Right of Way Requirements (Acres)

Residential	7.33
Commercial	7.44
Agricultural	7.56
Forest	5.25
Private Golf Course and Utility Property	1.70
Wetlands	0.04
Total	<u>29.32</u>
Temporary Right-of-Way	<u>0.59</u>

- Six residential relocations/displacements

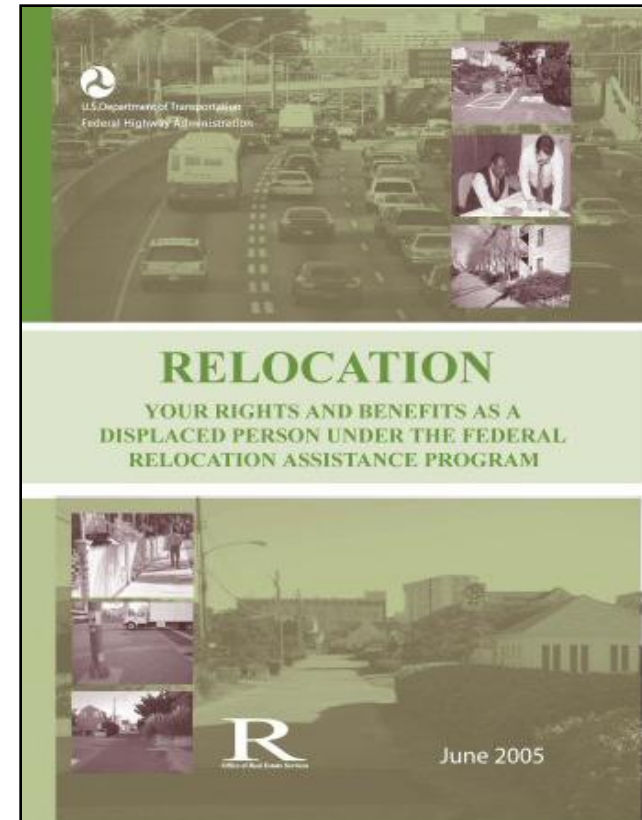
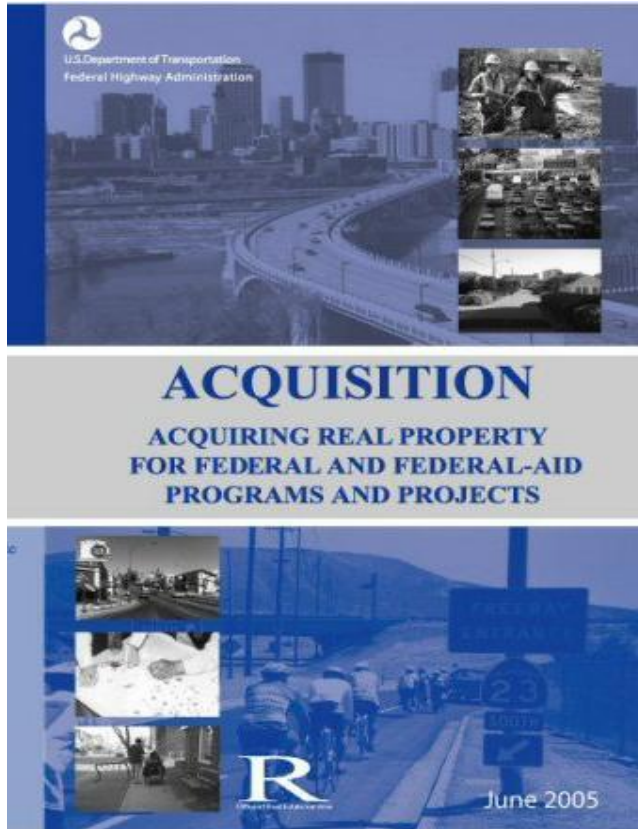


Real Estate Acquisition Process

- Relocation Entitlement Program
 - Explains the process of relocation
 - Six residential relocations/displacements
- How Land Is Purchased
 - Explains the process of buying property needed for highway improvements



Real Estate Acquisition Process



Real Estate Acquisition Process

- **"Uniform Act" of 1970**
 - All federal, state, and local governments must comply
 - Requires an offer for just compensation
- **Acquisition Process**
 - Appraisals
 - Review Appraisals
 - Negotiations



Real Estate Acquisition Process

- Amount of compensation cannot be less than fair market value
- Partial Acquisition
 - INDOT will state amount to be paid for acquisition
 - Separate amount will be stated for damages to the portion retained by the property owner
 - If remainder has little or no value, INDOT will offer to purchase remainder



Real Estate Acquisition Process

- **Agreement**

- When agreement is reached, owner will be asked to sign an acceptance of offer and deed of transfer

- **No Agreement**

- Mediation
- Condemnation



Project Schedule

- Public Hearing: **2/22/11**
- Completion of Environment Document – **Spring 2011**
- Design Phase – **Spring 2011**
- Real Estate Acquisition Phase began – **2011**
- Construction scheduled to begin in **Fall 2011**
- **Two year** construction season is anticipated



Public Comments

- Indiana Department of Transportation, Office of Public Involvement, Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; (317) 232-6601
- E-mail: rclark@indot.in.gov
- INDOT respectfully requests that comments be postmarked by **Friday, March 11, 2011**
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